

## Product Information

## Anti-TREK-1

produced in rabbit, affinity isolated antibody

**T6448**

Synonym: Anti-Potassium Channel K<sub>2p</sub>2.1

### Product Description

Anti-TREK-1 is produced in rabbit using as immunogen a synthetic peptide (DPKSA AQNSK PRLSF STKC) corresponding to the intracellular amino terminus of human TREK-1, amino acid residues 8-28. The antibody was affinity isolated on immobilized immunogen.

Anti-TREK-1 reacts with rat TREK-1 by immunoblotting using rat membranes. It is expected that the antibody will also react with mouse due to sequence homology (17/18).

The action of potassium (K<sup>+</sup>) channels is regulated by voltage, calcium and a variety of neurotransmitters. Each subfamily generally consists of a primary pore forming  $\alpha$  subunit that is associated with several regulatory subunits.<sup>1</sup> To date, some 70 different genes that encode the  $\alpha$  subunits of K<sup>+</sup> channels have been identified.

The vast family of K<sup>+</sup> channels has been subdivided into the three main subfamilies: the 2 TM, 4 TM and 6 TM K<sup>+</sup> channels.<sup>2</sup> TREK-1 (K<sub>2p</sub>2.1) is a member of the 4 TM potassium channel family, proteins that contain two-pore domain and four transmembrane domains. These channels are considered to be "leak" or "background" K<sup>+</sup> channels, thereby generating background currents which help set the membrane resting potential and cell excitation.<sup>3</sup> K<sub>2p</sub> channels can be activated by a wide variety of stimuli including polyunsaturated fatty acids, low intracellular pH, and mechanical stretch.<sup>4,5</sup> TREK-1 is highly expressed in the central nervous system and may have a possible role in ischemic neuroprotection.<sup>6</sup>

### Reagent

Supplied as a lyophilized powder from phosphate buffered saline, pH 7.4, containing 1% bovine serum albumin and 0.05% sodium azide.

### Precautions and Disclaimer

This product is for R&D use only. Not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

### Preparation Instructions

Reconstitute the lyophilized vial with either 0.05 mL or 0.2 mL deionized water, depending on the package size. Further dilutions should be made using a carrier protein such as BSA (1%).

### Storage/Stability

Store at -20 °C. For extended storage, freeze in working aliquots. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing. Storage in "frost-free" freezers is not recommended. Centrifuge before use. Working dilution samples should be discarded if not used within 12 hours.

### Product Profile

Immunoblotting: the recommended working dilution is 1:200.

**Note:** In order to obtain best results in different techniques and preparations we recommend determining optimal working concentration by titration test.

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